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REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND OTHER
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
CORNISH, N. H.
INCLUDING A REPORT OF THE
Superintending School Committees
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.



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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE :

To the inhabitants of the town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, 1883, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects :

- 1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d. To choose a Town Clerk.
- 3d. To choose three selectmen, and all necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.
- 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year.
- 5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair highways and bridges the ensuing year, and determine whether the same shall be paid in money or labor.
- 6th. To see if the town will vote to erect a soldiers' monument to be located near the liberty pole on Cornish Flat, if an undoubted title to the land can be assured, and raise the money therefor; also to appoint a committee to have charge of the same.
- 7th. To see if the town will vote to dispense with the services of a liquor agent the ensuing year.
- 8th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair the highway leading from Harrison Leslie's, through Cornish City, to Henry F. Bartlett's house, and appoint an agent to expend the same.
- 9th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to be applied for the general improvement of the several cemeteries in town, and appoint an agent or agents to expend the same, or take any action deemed expedient in regard to said cemeteries.
- 10th. To hear the report of the committee appointed at the town meeting held in town last November to investigate in regard to a better arrangement of the school system of the town, and take any action thought proper in regard to the arrangement of the present school system of the town.
- 11th. To hear the reports of officers, agents, auditors, or committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of February, 1883.

BENJAMIN T. HARLOW,	} Selectmen of Cornish.
N. A. DEMING,	
EDWARD O. DAY,	

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF CORNISH

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1883.

Inventory of the Town, April 1, 1882.

302 Polls.....	\$ 30,200	
Real estate, resident and non-resident..	433,074	
417 horses.....	19,948	
163 oxen	9,376	
591 cows.....	13,206	
575 other stock.....	10,660	
5836 sheep.....	14,228	
30 hogs	168	
24 carriages	1,480	
75 owners of money at interest, (am't)	48,232	
16 owners of stock in trade, (am't).	6,850	
1 toll bridge.....	10,000	
14 mills and factories.....	5,750	
Total valuation of the town,		\$603,172

The rate of taxation on each hundred dollars was \$0 85 in money, \$0 30 in labor on highway, \$0 2 1-4 school-house tax in District No. 6, \$0 55 school-house tax in District No. 8.

Amount of Tax Assessed.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law, and by vote of the town, and by vote in school districts was as follows:

For State tax.....	\$1360 00
For county tax.....	1419 37
To defray town charges.....	800 00
To repair highway near Cornish Flat...	200 00
For support of schools.....	1190 00
Percentage.....	158 03
School-house tax in District No. 6....	20 00
Percentage	56
School-house tax in District No. 8.....	325 00
Percentage	8 10
Dog tax.....	65 00
Non-resident highway tax.....	70 02
Unworked highway tax of last year payable in money.....	49 21
	<hr/> \$5665 29

The Selectmen have received and paid into the treasury the following additional sums:

Of the County,

For the support of Catherine Chase.....	\$ 83 64
" " Chester Picknell.....	4 10
Of Lemuel Martindale, trustee of Foss	
Fund for support of the poor.....	103 40
Of the State as interest on Literary Fund,	115 00
" " savings bank tax.....	523 24
" " railroad tax.....	165 06
" " bounty on hawks & crows.	13 40
Of P. C. Sargent, old bridge plank.....	1 00
Of C. W. Comings highway paid in cash,	1 95
	<hr/> \$1010 79
Total.....	\$6676 08

The amount of highway tax required to be assessed, by vote of the town, to be paid in labor was.....\$1800 00
 Percentage..... 9 53

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer as follows:

For Support of Schools.

District No. 1,	William E. Chadborn...	\$151	40
"	2, Elijah D. Austin.....	89	81
"	3, Wallace P. Thrasher....	79	35
"	4, John White.....	50	57
"	5, Martin L. Walker.....	65	02
"	6, Orra S. Bugbee.....	200	60
"	7, Edward T. Ayers.....	110	01
"	8, Seth R. Cole.....	133	02
"	9, William C. Smith.....	71	62
"	10, Charles E. Jackson.....	79	64
"	11, George D. Kenyon.....	94	00
"	12, David Squires.....	21	81
"	13, Marvin J. Deming.....	70	24
"	15, John Conlin.....	50	15
"	16, Frank H. Cass.....	52	47
"	1, Plainfield, J. W. Peterson,	4	42
"	14, Claremont, C. H. Swain..	11	58
		—————	\$1335 71

For Support of County Paupers.

Catherine Chase.....	\$83	64
Chester Picknell.....	4	10
		————— \$87 74

For Support of Town Paupers.

Arthur Rickard.....	\$40	00
Francis Goward.....	63	00
Leon Wyman.....	9	80
Tramp	75	
		————— \$113 55

For Plank, Timber, Tile and Stone.

Mary Hilliard.....	\$	1	50
Alphonso H. Eastman.....	2	16	
William P. Johnson.....	2	20	
James W. Fitch	1	28	
Nathan K. Spaulding	3	18	
Charles B. Comings.....	6	74	
Edward O. Day.....	68	63	

William E. Chadborn.....	5 00
John Conlin	4 38
Freeman & Tracy	18 52
Henry H. Fairbanks	8 58
George H. Ayers.....	4 40
John Freeman	3 17
A. H. & O. V. Eastman.....	1 14
A. H. Eastman.....	1 43
Edwin H. Smith.....	8 00
Henry Gould	10 25
William D. Lear.....	1 16
Allan P. Messer.....	28 73
Thomas A. Allen.....	1 68
Darwin B. Kinsman.....	3 00
Nathaniel N. Huggins.....	3 30
Charles H. Read	23 15
George C. Huggins.....	1 57
Marvin J. Deming.....	4 50
George L. Deming.....	1 76
Alfred C. Chadborn.....	4 04
Michael McCarty.....	4 50
Albert E. Wellman	3 94
Hiram L. Burpee.....	2 00
Rollin Amsden.....	9 04
William Balloch.....	2 60
Joseph B. Comings	1 87
Benjamin K. Chase	1 50
Albert Penniman	2 68
Edwin T. Ayers.....	50
Abel W. Fairbanks	2 00
Charles E. Jackson	88
William H. Harlow	1 00
Darwin B. Kinsman.....	6 93
George W. Sargent.....	31 45
Daniel G. Deming.....	6 44
John White.....	86

 \$301 64

For labor on Highways and Bridges.

William P. Johnson.....	\$ 2 93
James F. Tasker, building bridge and raising abutments near Mercer place.....	621 00

Charles B. Comings.....	3	50
Edward O. Day	14	32
George C. Dean.....	3	87
James F. Tasker, building bridge near N. C. Sturtevant's.....	873	00
William W. Mercer.....	1	50
William J. Huggins, moving and building abutment and building bridge near Wm. J. Huggins'.....	25	00
James F. Tasker, rebuilding abutments and wing walls at Mercer bridge.....	174	40
James F. Tasker, stone work and filling roadway at Kenyon bridge.....	40	50
George D. Kenyon (1881).....	2	70
John Conlin	5	75
Freeman & Tracy	1	00
Albert Weld.....	8	50
Hartley K. Curtis.....	6	72
Samuel Mace.....		45
Henry H. Fairbanks	6	05
Charles E. Jackson.....	7	28
Orra A. Kelley.....	13	68
Lemuel Martindale.....	145	75
William D. Lear.....	2	59
Franklin Burbank	1	00
Washington I. Leslie.....	1	00
William H. Child.....	2	00
Sidney F. Judd.....	9	38
Edward Bryant.....	1	42
George E. Hilliard.....	4	00
Alfred C. Chadborn.....	1	25
Lyman D. Wood.....	5	00
Lawson C. Fletcher.....		95
George C. Huggins.....	1	15
Darwin J. Spaulding.....	1	00
James F. Tasker, rebuilding Dingl'ton b'dg.....	812	00
		\$2800 64

For Breaking Roads.

George P. Williams, (in 1881).....	\$	45
Washington I. Leslie,	3	15
William P. Johnson,	2	00

John P. Small, 1882.....	2 25
Alfred C. Chadborn.....	4 52
Levi L. Chapman.....	2 84
William E. Westgate.....	3 00
John Conlin.....	19 70
George D. Kenyon.....	6 50
Hiram L. Burpee.....	1 62
John Q. York.....	60
John White.....	2 00
Lyman D. Wood.....	5 75
Samuel R. Chase.....	1 10
Ed. E. Johnson.....	6 00
James W. Fitch.....	6 65
Alphonso H. Eastman.....	7 25
Frank H. Cass.....	20 00
Lawson C. Fletcher.....	1 25
Franklin Burbank.....	3 00
Washington I. Leslie.....	7 50
Charles E. Jackson.....	3 60
J. Terry.....	7 00
Henry H. Fairbanks.....	20 50
George C. Huggins.....	15 00
Louis E. Weld.....	2 60
William H. Harlow.....	2 00
Alfred S. Sisson.....	1 97
Charles H. Deming.....	3 70
Chauncey P. Jenney.....	2 25
Hiram P. Raymond.....	10 78
George P. Williams.....	1 50
Wilber F. Howard.....	5 56
George L. Cole.....	9 20
Daniel G. Deming.....	1 40
Nathan K. Spaulding.....	7 93
Ebenezer S. Deming.....	4 00
Edward O. Day.....	12 80
Nathaniel N. Huggins.....	17 15
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\$233 07	

For Incidental Expenses.

Fred Sargent, printing town reports, 1882\$	28 00
Ira Colby, retaining fee.....	10 00

Claremont Stationery Co., blank books	
and copy of the pamphlet laws...	4 50
E. S. Deming, damage horse on highway,	12 00
Benjamin T. Harlow, bounty on crows...	5 10
Charles D. Nevens, part of school-house	
tax, district No. 8.....	150 00
Chas. B. Comings, school-house tax dist.	
No. 6.....	20 00
Lyman Fitch, repairing cemetery fence	
near George W. Sargent's.....	25 00
Benjamin T. Harlow, bounty on crows...	15 50
A. H. Eastman, damage to plow, in 1881,	2 00
O. S. Bugbee, damage wagon on highway,	15 86
Benjamin T. Harlow, bounty on crows...	18 70
Jacob Beal, balance school house tax in	
district No. 8.....	175 00
Albert Weld, services with hearse.....	30 00
Chas. B. Comings, services as supervisor	
in 1881 and 1882.....	5 00
County Treasurer, county tax for 1882..	1419 37
E. O. Day, services as auditor, 1882....	3 00
E. O. Day, taking affidavit.....	1 00
A. H. Eastman, damage to plow, 1882...	2 00
Edwin H. Smith, gravel for highway....	1 00
Edwin H. Smith, watering trough.....	1 00
Sam'l Hutchinson, gravel for highway...	1 80
Rosilla B. Ripley, gravel for highway...	75
Rosilla B. Ripley, watering trough.....	1 00
D. J. Spaulding, damage on highway,...	1 25
Lemuel Martindale, services as trustee of	
the Foss fund.....	10 00
William D. Lear, watering trough.....	3 00
Allen P. Messer, watering trough.....	2 00
State Treasurer, State tax.....	1360 00
Claremont National Bank, check for bal-	
ance State tax.....	1 00
Philander W. Smith, services and expen-	
ses as selectman March, 1882.....	13 75
C. O. Eastman, insurance on town house,	8 00
E. O. Day, expense to Cornish running	
line between Cornish and Croydon,	5 50

For Sheep Killed by Dogs.

Alphonso H. Eastman.....	\$2 50
Rosilla B. Ripley.....	5 00
Darwin J. Spaulding.....	7 50

Ed. E. Johnson.....	6 00	
Frank L. Johnson.....	6 00	
Leonard D. Spaulding.....	5 00	
Harriet B. Hildreth.....	7 00	
Arthur P. Thrasher.....	7 00	
William D. Paget.....	5 50	
J. W. Pierce.....	3 00	
Freeman A. Johnson.....	2 50	
		<hr/> \$57 00

For Abatement of Taxes

asked for by Orlando Powers, Adm'r of estate of J. M. Davidson, Collector.

On Tax Book of 1880,

George Bugbee.....	\$1 43	
William Hall.....	1 02	
Frank A. Haven.....	1 02	
Edgar A. Royce.....	1 10	
Methodist Episcopal Society.....	1 07	
David Squires.....	1 02	
Walter Simonds.....	1 02	
		<hr/> 7 68

On Tax Book of 1881

asked for by Chauncey P. Jenney, Collector.

Samuel Barnard.....	98	
Frank Chambers.....	1 87	
John H. Farwell.....	98	
William Hall.....	98	
Lucius B. Jackson.....	1 91	
Franklin Newman.....	98	
Edward N. Wyman.....	74	
Mrs. Edward N. Wyman.....	74	
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On Tax Book of 1882,

asked for by Chauncey P. Jenney, Collector.

George Bugbee.....	15	
Judith Carter.....	1 40	
Sarah D. Chase.....	85	

Serena Huggins.....	43
Estate of Ebenezer Mitchell.....	1 32
Rhoda Spaulding.....	85
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	5 00

For Town Officers Services.

Martha W. Day, Superintendent of Schools....	20 00
Herbert Deming, " " ".....	30 00
Samuel M. Green, Town Clerk.....	32 00
W. Dwight Spaulding, Treasurer.....	30 00
Chauncey P. Jenney, Collector.....	70 00
Benjamin T. Harlow, Selectman.....	110 00
Norman A. Deming, " " ".....	97 00
Edward O. Day, " " ".....	32 70
Charles B. Comings.....	41 25
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	462 95

Recapitulation.

Total amount received.....	\$6,676 08
Amount of orders drawn:	
For support of schools.....	\$1,335 71
For support of county paupers.....	87 74
For support of town paupers.....	113 55
Plank, timber, tile, and stone.....	301 64
Labor on highways and bridges.....	2,800 64
Breaking roads.....	233 07
Incidental expenses.....	3,553 83
Sheep killed by dogs.....	57 00
Taxes abated on book of 1880.....	7 68
Taxes abated on book of 1881.....	9 18
Taxes abated on book of 1882.....	5 00
Town officers' services.....	462 95
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	\$8967 99
Balance	\$2291 91

Orders Outstanding against the Town.

1882, July 1, No. 22, A. H. Eastman.....	\$2 16
“ “ 1, “ 23, A. H. Eastman.....	2 00
“ Dec. 1, “ 74, A. H. Eastman.....	2 50
“ “ 2, “ 102, Rosilla B. Ripley.....	5 00
“ “ 2, “ 103, Darwin J. Spaulding.....	7 50
1883, Feb. 26, “ 164, Ed E. Johnson.....	6 00
“ “ 26, “ 165, Ed E. Johnson.....	6 00
“ “ 26, “ 166, Frank L. Johnson.....	6 00
“ “ 27, “ 180, Leonard D. Spaulding.....	5 00
“ “ 27, “ 181, Harriet B. Hildreth.....	7 00
“ “ 27, “ 198, Arthur P. Thrasher	7 00
“ “ 28, “ 215, William D. Paget.....	5 50
“ “ 28, “ 229, J. W. Pierce.....	3 00
“ “ 28, “ 247, Freeman A. Johnson.....	2 50
“ “ 28, “ 261, Benjamin T. Harlow	110 00
“ “ 28, “ 262, Norman A. Deming.....	97 00
“ “ 28, “ 264, James F. Tasker, bal. due..	200 00

Total orders outstanding against the town, \$474 16

The liabilities of the town are as follows:

Due on outstanding orders.....	\$474 16
Due school district No. 14.....	351 16
Due Lemuel Martindale, agent to repair road, unexpended balance.....	54 25
Total liabilities of the town	<u>\$879 57</u>

The assets of the town are as follows:

Ethan Walker's note and interest.....	\$ 27 29
Taxes uncollected of 1880	38 66
Taxes uncollected of 1881	8 64
Taxes uncollected of 1882	423 54
Uncollected highway tax of 1881	49 21
Cash in treasurer's hands	42 31
Total assets of the town.....	<u>\$589 65</u>

Leaves a balance against the town of \$289 92

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN T. HARLOW,	} Selectmen of Cornish.
NORMAN A. DEMING,	
EDWARD O. DAY,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount in treasurer's hands March 1, 1882, as per report of treasurer of 1881:

Ethan Walker's note	\$ 19 79
Cash	1603 76
	<hr/> \$1623 55

Received of Selectmen.

Cash received for highway tax 1881, paid in money.....	\$ 1 95
Cash received for old bridge plank....	1 00
Of State as follows: Bounty on crows	13 40
Railroad tax 1882.....	165 06
Savings bank tax 1882.....	523 24
Interest on literary fund.....	115 00
Of trustee of Foss fund for support of poor.....	103 40
Of county, support of co. paupers,	52 10
do do do	35 64
Of Paul Davidson, Coll., interest on taxes 1880.....	1 00
Of O. Powers, adm'r estate J. M. Davidson, interest on taxes, 1880,	59
Of C. P. Jenney, Coll., int. on taxes 1881, \$12 31; do 1882, \$14 55,	26 86
Of Paul Davidson, Coll. taxes 1880,	8 82
Of O. Powers, adm'r estate J. M. Davidson, taxes 1880.....	31 59
Of C. P. Jenney, Coll. taxes 1881,	703 64
do do 1882,	5203 59
	<hr/> \$6986 88
Total	\$8610 43

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid as principal on old orders	\$ 54 50
Paid as principal on new orders	8493 83
	<hr/> \$8548 33

Balance in treasurer's hands as follows:

Ethan Walker's note.....	\$19 79
Cash	42 31
	<hr/> \$ 62 10
	<hr/> \$8610 43

SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of funds in hands of treasurer.....\$470 87

DOG FUND.

Amount of tax for 1882 assessed on dogs.....\$65 00

Amount of orders drawn for damages done by dogs, 57 00

Orders payable first day of April, 1883, at the rate of one hundred per cent.

Which is respectfully submitted,

W. DWIGHT SPAULDING, Treasurer.

JACOB FOSS LEGACY---TRUSTEE REPORT.

The undersigned, trustee of the Foss Fund, makes the following report:

June 17, 1881. Received of James M. Davidson, former trustee of the Foss fund, the amount of of the legacy paid by the executors of the will of Jacob Foss, late of Charlestown, Mass., deceased,	\$2820 00
Received as interest on said fund for the year ending September 14, 1882.....	155 10
Paid to the selectmen of Cornish to be appropriated for support of poor.....	\$103 40
Balance of int. to be appropriated for flags and fixtures and for putting up same..	\$51 70
Add interest unexpended last year.....	16 06
	<hr/> \$67 76

Cash paid James F. Tasker for new pole and putting up same at South Cornish, \$32 00	
Cash paid J. F. Tasker for taking down, splicing and raising pole at centre of town	28 00
Cash paid James Carlin for rope for cen- tre flag pole	1 80
Personal services	5 00
Total interest expended	<u>\$66 80</u>
Interest unexpended	96
Which is respectfully submitted.	

LEMUEL MARTINDALE, Trustee.

Agent's Report.

Agent chosen at the March meeting, 1882, to repair road from Cornish Flat to W. H. Child's corner, so called:

Cash received of the town treasurer	\$145 75
Paid E. S. Deming for drawing gravel....	\$17 00
Paid O. P. Burr for drawing gravel.....	17 00
Paid E. O. Day for drawing gravel.....	31 00
Paid D. J. Spaulding for drawing gravel...	17 50
Paid W. D. Spaulding, shoveling gravel...	7 50
Paid N. Miller, shoveling gravel.....	3 75
Paid G. A. Truell, shoveling gravel.....	3 75
Paid L. Martindale for drawing gravel and stone for culvert.....	48 25
Whole amount expended.....	<u>\$145 75</u>

Which is respectfully submitted.

LEMUEL MARTINDALE, Agent.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, treasurer, trustee of the Foss fund, and road agent, and find the same correct with proper vouchers.

STEPHEN A. TRACY, }
FRANK H. WELD, } Auditors.

TOWN SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

I submit the following as my report of the summer schools for the past year.

Thirteen schools were in session, five of which were in the care of teachers who were in our schools last year.

We are to bear in mind what has often been asserted, that our best schools are found where three elements combine, viz: right home influence, studious, well disposed scholars, and earnest, intelligent teaching. We all agree, I presume, that the condition first named, is first also in importance. In one or two of our schools, teachers of good ability were seriously hindered in their work by reason of indifference, or something worse than that, in the home.

We are glad to note some improvements in appliances, particularly the new school-house in District No. 8, and the set of outline maps in No. 6.

The Fish-Robinson series of Arithmetics has, during the year, been introduced in place of Greenleaf's.

Among the schools where good progress and harmony were noticeable, I mention Nos. 2, 7, 9, 10, and 16. In regard to excellence in special branches taught, the reading (Primer class) in No. 1, grammar in No. 2, geography in No. 5, and arithmetic (class beginning numbers) in No. 16, were very good.

I found among a good many scholars an ambition to get on in the text-book, rather than a wish to know well the subjects passed over. We have classes in the Fifth Reader, for instance, who are there because they have "gone through" the other books of the series.

I think a set of supplementary readers, like Swinton's, added to the regular text-books, would serve a good purpose. Classes would then have a greater variety of suitable reading matter, without being obliged to either study what is already familiar, or to stumble along in a book too advanced for them.

So in geography. A good many of those who are trying to master the "School Geography" are not yet equal to it. I suggest that, after finishing the smaller book, scholars take up some easy work on United States or English History for a few terms.

At the meeting of our State Teachers' Association, last October, the matter of reviving the "County Institutes" was discussed, and it was hoped that the State will put this help and stimulus within reach of our teachers. In any case, I hope our districts will encourage their teachers to attend the State meeting next year. If a day or two of schooling should be lost by the means, I am sure this loss would be more than met by the increased enthusiasm and usefulness of the teacher.

I wish to return thanks to teachers, scholars, and parents, for their uniform kindness and courtesy.

M. W. DAV.

Your committee would present the following as his report of the fall and winter schools, taught in town during the past year, with Roll of Honor and Statistical Table for the school year appended.

District No. 1—Below the Bridge. Winter term taught by Miss Julia A. Hickson. Miss H. is a good scholar and her method of instruction showed a good degree of improvement. The recitations were good. A little more quietness would have added much to the appearance of the school.

Dist. No. 2—Above the Bridge. Winter term taught by Miss Ada Williams. This school ranks among the best in discipline and scholarship. Teacher and scholars seemed to work with a determination to succeed.

Dist. No. 3—Stephen A. Tracy's. Winter term, Miss Bessie Johnson, teacher. The school appeared well at my first visit. There was some lack of interest with a few towards the latter part of the term, but there was a private school of three or four weeks additional.

Dist. No. 4—Dingleton. Fall, taught by Miss Charlotte M. Lewis. This school enjoyed the services of an experienced teacher, and the parents were gratified to know that great pains were taken to help the younger, as well as the older, scholars. It was a good school.

Dist. No. 5—Johnsons. Fall, taught by Miss Alice O. Fairbanks. This teacher came to her school with high aims of success. Here I found some fine map drawings, by the geography classes, that showed much skill and accuracy by the pupils. I think the school made a fair amount of improvement.

Dist. No. 6—Flat. Fall and winter, taught by Miss Hattie S. Davis. Miss D. worked hard for the advancement of the school. The explanations in arithmetic were good and well understood. The geography and grammar classes had good recitations. Here was an inclination on the part of some of the larger scholars to do evil, much of which is attributed to outside influences. It is hoped that the citizens will all take an interest in the welfare of their school.

Dist. No. 7—Center. Fall, taught by Miss Emma D. Morgan. This was one of the most quiet and best regulated schools in town. All seem to work together for the best results. The scholars always seem glad to meet their teacher, who was their example. The closing examination was such as to merit praise.

Dist. No. 8—Goward. Fall, taught by Miss Lizzie A. Weld. The citizens of this district have rebuilt their school-house which is now one of the best in town. Miss Weld entered the school-house before its completion and worked under some disadvantage. The order was good and the examination showed that the school was worthy of the new house. The winter term was taught by Wm. E. Bartlett. This was Mr. B's first attempt at teaching, which seemed a little up hill at first, but, by kindness and earnest effort, he soon won the respect of all his pupils. There was a good degree of interest among the larger scholars which was very creditable. Here was the best class in book-keeping in town. A little experience will place Mr. B. among the best of teachers.

Dist. No. 9—Town House. Winter, taught by Lizzie A. Weld. This school received several scholars from adjoining districts and a good beginning was made. At the end of four weeks Miss W. was obliged to resign on account of sickness. The committee secured the services of Miss Alice O. Fairbanks for one week, who was then succeeded by Miss Carrie M. Deming. The writing and map drawing was extremely good, and the general appearance was such as we would be glad to see in every school.

Dist. No. 10—Edminster. Winter, taught by Miss Jennie L. Jackson. The number of terms taught here by this teacher is a proof of the highest success.

Dist. No. 11—City. Fall, taught by Miss Hattie Child. This was one of the largest schools in town. The teacher seemed to work hard, but the scholars took advantage of a little too much freedom to result in the best satisfaction.

Dist. No. 13—Lyman Fitch's. Winter, taught by Herbert Deming.

Dist. No. 15—Conlin's. Fall, taught by Katie Conlin. In an old school-house, with only two scholars that could hardly find shelter from a shower, I found Miss Conlin giving her first instructions. The scholars said they were trying to learn. I was not informed of the close of school, but think it was satisfactory.

Dist. No. 16—Texas. Fall, taught by Miss V. S. Marsh. This teacher gave her whole time to her pupils. Her energy and industry, which she has a faculty to impart, was well shown by her pupils. The school was a grand success.

The general condition of our school-houses is good with one exception, No. 15. Nearly all are supplied with one or more maps, and we have nearly a uniformity of text books which has been so much needed. Now we have these means, committees, as well as teachers, scholars, and parents, should help to keep the standard high, and work with diligent and persevering effort to gain it, whether we do or not we shall reach a point far in advance of where we started.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to teachers, scholars, and citizens, for their kindness and favors shown to me at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT DEMING, Supt. of Schools.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy. The * shows the same for two terms.

District No. 1. Lute Chadbourne*, James Chadbourne*, John Sargent, Frank Harris, Florence Harris, Emma Chadbourne.

District No. 2. Geo. D. Austin, Nettie J. Bryant, Nellie A. Royce, Mattie E. Westgate, Preston C. Reed.

District No. 3. Hattie S. Reed, Nellie N. Tracy, George O. Eastman, Samuel P. Flint, Carlton W. Thrasher, Manton J. Thrasher.

District No. 4. Charlie Ellis.

District No. 5. Stella E. Case, Amy L. Walker, Lucia E. Walker, Lizzie J. Walker, Burt S. Cole, Arthur M. Walker*.

District No. 6. Lena R. Comings, Morris E. Carroll.

District No. 7. Julia A. Ayers*, Subil Deming, Carlie L. Deming, Vernon F. Ayers.

District No. 8. Ernest P. Quimby, Ivon C. Weld*, Martin Kenyon, Edward V. Mason, Clarence S. Cole, Nellie S. Richardson, Mabel Kenyon, Jennie L. Goward, Mary A. Goward, Lucy J. Weld.

District No. 9. Eben M. Johnson, Henry S. Richardson, Ivon C. Weld.

District No. 10. Lena Peirce, Ada Weld, Chester Fairbanks, Bertie Robins.

District No. 11. Mary E. Knight, Minnie L. Tasker, Herbert H. Bartlett.

District No. 12. Lizzie M. Huntington, Lillian J. Kelly, Hattie M. Kelly.

District No. 13. Amy Hilliard*, Lizzie Stearns*, Ida Stearns*, Ida York, Hugh Deming, Arthur Fitch, Willie Fitch, Adna J. Hilliard, Edward Hilliard, Jerome Hilliard*, Joseph Hilliard*, Fred Sturtevant.

District No. 15. Mary A. Patten.

District No. 16. Geffanena K. Leavitt*, Annie E. Lull*, Vannie M. Stearns*, Almeda N. Whitmore, Perry F. Burr, Herbert I. Leslie*, Olin Stearns, Horace M. Stearns*, Daniel P. Stearns.

Statistical Table.

Number of District.	Names of Prudential Committee.	Names of Teachers.	Number of Terms.	Number of weeks.	Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. Different Scholars.	Amt. of School Money.	Wages including board per Month.	No. visits by Citizens.	Number visits of Supt.	No. on Roll of Honor.
1	Wm. E. Chadborn.....	Nellie M. Cross.....	1	10	14	13.35	17	\$151 40	20 00	9	2	4
		Julia A. Hickson	2	16	15	12.20			21 20	10	2	4
2	E. D. Austin	Ida M. Williams.....	1	10	18	15.7	25	89 81	13 00	4	2	4
		Ida M. Williams.....	2	11	17	15.			18 00	2	2	1
3	W. P. Thrasher.....	Bessie Johnson	1	9.6	16	15.	20	79 35	11 00	4	2	2
		Bessie Johnson	2	7	17	16.			16 00	1	2	4
4	John White.....	Lizzie S. Chadbourne	1	6	7	7.	10	50 57		4	1	1
		Charlotte M. Lewis..	2	13	8	5.			20 00	7	2	3
5	Martin Walker	Alice O. Fairbanks..	1	9	15	12.77	17	65 02	12 00	6	2	6
		Alice O. Fairbanks..	2	9.6	14	13.23			15 60	3	2	1
6	C. B. Comings	Carrie M. Deming...	1	7	25	22.	37	200 60	20 00	9	2	2
		Hattie S. Davis.....	2	10	25	19.68			24 00	11	3	
		Hattie S. Davis.....	3	10	27	23.8			26 00	7	2	
7	Edward T. Ayers.....	Emma D. Morgan...	1	10	13	11.5	19	110 01	12 00	9	2	4
		Emma D. Morgan...	2	12	16	14.			16 00	10	2	1
8	Seth R. Cole.....	Lizzie A. Weld.....	1	11	21	18.87	28	133 02	22 00	18	2	9
		Wm. E. Bartlett.....	2	10	22	20.37				13	2	3
9	W. C. Smith.....	Mary A. Baldwin....	1	6	10	8.	14	71 62	16 00	1	2	2
		Lizzie A. Weld.....	2	9	19	16.28			18 00	3	2	1
10	C. E. Jackson.....	Jennie L. Jackson....	1	8	10	9.5	19	79 64	16 00	7	2	3
		Jennie L. Jackson....	2	9	14	13.			18 00	6	2	1
11	G. D. Kenyon	Stella M. Graves.....	1	9	18	16.	27	94 00	19 00	8	2	1
		Hattie L. Child.....	2	9	24	22.75			21 00	5	2	2
12	David Squires	Mattie E. Weld.....	1	7	5	4.	5	21 81		5	1	3
13	M. J. Deming.....	Nellie F. Johnson....	1	7	14	12.6	23	70 24	12 00	1	2	6
		Herbert Deming.....	2	7.7	23	31.36			25 00	6		11
14	No School							25 04				
15	John Conlin	Katie Conlin	1	10.4	2	1.75	2	15 77	16 00	4	1	1
16	F. H. Cass	Virginia S. Marsh...	1	8	17	1.55	26	52 47	12 00	14	2	8
		Virginia S. Marsh...	2	8.2	25	23.434			22 00	6	2	8



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